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### L U N C H E O N

WEDNESDAY, September 20 -- Hotel Warwick, 65 West 54th Street  
Cocktails at 12 P. M. ----- LUNCHEON at 12:30 P. M. SHARP  
Member and One Guest: \$2.25 Each -- Additional Guests: \$3.00

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### CAN ARABS AND ISRAELI LIVE IN PEACE?

by

LT. COL. MOSHE PEARLMAN and AL MILLER

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The vital question of peace in the Middle East, where the new Republic of Israel rubs borders with powerful Arab states, will be discussed by two experts who really know their subjects. Colonel Pearlman is Chief of Public Relations for the Israeli Government; Miller for 15 years was General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Jerusalem. The "Y" was always a friendship bridge between Arab and Jewish youth and Miller has a wide circle of friends among both peoples, while Colonel Pearlman is popular and well-known by scores of foreign correspondents.

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### \*\*\*\*\*COMING EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

On Wednesday, September 27, EDWARD R. MURROW, CBS's ace commentator just returned from covering the Korean War, will bring to the Club an eye-witness, straight-from-the-shoulder report on the Far Eastern fighting. Meeting place for this important luncheon meeting will be Toots Shor's, tariff \$2.50 each for members and one guest; \$3.00 for additional guests.

Calling All Amazons and Musclemen!! Get in training now for the Club's Super Gym Tournament and Beer Festival, to be held at the Midtown Health Club on Saturday, September 30, beginning at 6 P.M. Dress in your favorite gym costume. Exercise those muscles now for the strenuous weight-lifting and elbow-bending contests. Club strongwomen and strongmen may compete against professionals, while wrestlers, jugglers and acrobats will substitute for exhausted Members. The Beer and brawn will be reinforced by frankfurters, hamburgers and corn-on-the-cob. Only \$2.75 each covers the entire costs (gym, swimming pool, eats and beer) but not accident insurance. Make your reservations early because accommodations are limited.

The Club's regular autumn business meeting will be held Wednesday evening, October 4, at a time and place to be announced later.

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: OFFICIAL :

Bulletin Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 P.M.  
Constitution Revision Comm. Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Thursday, September 21, 4:30 P.M.  
Permanent Quarters Committee Meeting....Clubrooms.....Friday, September 22, 5:15 P.M.

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Robert Okin, free-lance writer. Spain, England, Belgium and France, 1937-1941, for the Associated Press; Hawaii, Philippines, Australia and Spain, 1945-1946, for Time Inc.; Greece, 1947-1950, for the United Nations. Proposed by JOE LAITIN; seconded by EMANUEL FREEDMAN.

Larry Rue, Frankfurt correspondent, Chicago Tribune. Greece, Turkey, 1919-1920; Turkey, Russia, Hungary, 1921; Balkans, 1922-1923, all for the Chicago Tribune; chief of Tribune Paris bureau, 1939-1944; Frankfurt, 1949 to present, for Chicago Tribune. Proposed by LOUIS P. LOCHNER; seconded by WYTHE WILLIAMS.

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OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB URGES SECURITY CONTROLS ON FAR EAST WAR NEWS

Progress Reported on Committee Projects  
At Board of Governors Meeting  
Early This Week

The Overseas Press Club's Board of Governors, at its Sept. 12 meeting, voted unanimously to urge that UN, Government and military officials act to untangle the censorship snarl now bewildering war correspondents in the Far East. Messages dispatched simultaneously on September 13 to the Secretary of Defense, UN Secretary General Trygve Lie and General Douglas MacArthur, UN forces commander, stated:

"The Overseas Press Club, which consists of 700 correspondents with full-time overseas journalistic experience, at a meeting of its Board of Governors last night, September 12, passed the following resolution: 'The Overseas Press Club, in principle, now as always opposes any restrictions on freedom of the press. However, it recognizes the dangers of general unclarified restrictions on news

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reports in current emergencies. It especially deplores the condition which now exists in the Far East whereby correspondents are required to censor their own dispatches under the broadest and vaguest guidance. It therefore urges full security control of news material by the armed forces in any active combat theater.

LOUIS P. LOCHNER, President"

Preceding action on the security controls resolution, the Board of Governors heard committee reports.

MATTHEW HUTTNER, Radio & Television Committee Chairman, told the Board his group is highly optimistic about the possibilities of a return to the television screen this fall of the Overseas Press Club's successful program, featured last year over CBS. Presentations have been prepared and at least one network is known to be enthusiastic about the show. "Not only that," HUTTNER said, "but we are moving ahead rapidly on three fronts -- working with networks, potential sponsors and advertising agencies." The Board approved cooperation between the Radio & Television Committee and a package-show producer who currently is promoting a presentation.

The OPC's new book project, "Inside Inside: The Best Stories of Foreign Correspondents", is developing more than satisfactorily, according to Book Committee Chairman DICKSON HARTWELL. He told the Governors that at least two magazines and one radio network are already interested in securing reprint and adaptation rights to the manuscript. Work continues on the material itself, with some 30,000 words edited and ready for final typing. About 60,000 more words of the book must be whipped into shape, HARTWELL said, before the manuscript is submitted to a publisher. He also announced that President LOUIS P. LOCHNER will write a preface, while Past President BOB CONSIDINE is preparing a foreword. Names of the three prize-winners in the book contest, the Board decided, would be announced at a later date.

Presenting a tabulation of results from a questionnaire recently submitted to the membership, Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH said his Program Committee now had indications of the type of entertainment and instruction members prefer. In addition to preferences reported in last week's Bulletin, the following interesting points were culled from the final tabulations: Formal luncheons and dinners for prominent persons: Yes--50%, No--30%, No answer--20%; Talks from top talent in various fields: Yes--87%, No--3%, No answer--10%; Informal discussions with member participation: Yes--47%, No--19%, No answer--34%; Social activities (cocktail parties, etc.): Yes--56%, No--14%, No answer--30%; Movie and drama previews: Yes--73%, No--9%, No answer--18%; Travel talks and pictures (relating to current tension areas): Yes--55%, No--14%, No answer--41%; Favorite meeting time: Luncheon--75%, cocktail hour--59%, dinners--56%, late evening affairs--44%. At least 57% of those polled would prefer to pay a dollar more at a better restaurant than less at an average ditto. Some 37% favored less expensive meals.

Chairman CORNELIUS J. RYAN of the Admissions Committee asked the Board for clarification of Constitutional provisions regarding eligibility requirements for new members. He said the Committee found them difficult to interpret. It was suggested that the Committee on Revision of the Constitution be advised of recommendations and proposals of the Admissions Committee. Meanwhile, the Board extended the Committee a vote of confidence to use its discretion in interpreting eligibility provisions. (OVER)

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President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, reporting on recent activities, stated that the Committee for Permanent Club Quarters, of which he is acting Chairman, is currently investigating real estate facilities in New York to determine what steps the Club should take. He said he had been in close touch with a banking consultant with whom possible financing is being discussed. Further LOCHNER presented to the Board for ratification the names of those proposed for the newly-organized Washington Liaison Committee. They were MORGAN BEATTY, RUTH COWAN and JESSIE STEARNS, all of whose appointments were approved by the Board. LOCHNER then stated that plans were already under way for next year's Annual Dinner. President LOCHNER said he was announcing with regret the resignation of EGBERT WHITE as Chairman of the "Who's Who" Committee because of Mr. WHITE's professional commitments.

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\$ NOW WORTH \$21,770.68\$  
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The Board of Governors, acting on a proposal by Treasurer LEO BRANHAM at its Sept. 12 meeting, approved publication in the Bulletin of a financial report by the Correspondents Fund.  
The report, as received from Fund Treasurer LUCIAN S. KIRTLAND, is for the fiscal year May 1, 1949, to May 1, 1950. A condensed version follows:

Income from OPC's 20 percent benefit payments from television shows (\$1,300),	
film rights to book "As We See Russia" (\$850), benefit performance of film	
"Quartet" (\$1,000), grant repaid to Fund (\$300), interest on investments	
(\$185) and gift from club member (\$60) . . . . .	. . . . . \$3,695.00
Six grants, ranging from \$150 to \$450 each . . . . .	1,700.00
Printing and rental of bank deposit box . . . . .	46.68
Cash (\$5,796.18) and securities on hand - May 1, 1950	. . . . . 21,770.68
Value of Fund on May 1, 1949 . . . . .	. . . . . 19,171.86
Net gain in cash value for fiscal year . . . . .	. . . . . 2,598.82

: HEY, BOYLE: THOSE CIGARS ARE ON THE WAY! -- As any veteran OPCer knows, the favorite sin : and weakness of AP columnist and OPC Governor HAL BOYLE is cigars. Well, an AP dispatch : went out last week which should comfort our fellow Member in Korea. It read: "Note to : Hal Boyle, somewhere in Korea: The cigars are coming. The Seattle Port of Embarkation : said 108,000 stogies were heading west for the cigar-hungry GI's...BOYLE wrote that the : smokes were so rare in Korea they were being passed around 'almost as tenderly as if they : were letters from home.' The Red Cross provided all but 7,500 of the total shipment, the : rest coming from private citizens...There'll be some mighty good smoking among the sol- : diers who are lucky on the draw. Some of the cigars are three for a dollar, retail."... : So good smoking to Buddy BOYLE!

BJORN BJORNSEN, former CBS Washington staffer, is now public information manager for the Northern States Power Co., of Minneapolis. "I find my present job pleasant enough", he reports, "but I now know what a retired fire horse feels like when he hears an alarm go off. When I read about my friends going off to Korea, I can't escape the feeling that I should be going along. I think I can still fit into my war correspondent's uniform and I'm keeping it around -- just in case."

\* \* \* Founder Member PEGGY HULL DEUELL reports that author-free-lancer HOBERT SKIDMORE is convalescing from a serious illness on the Pacific coast. His address: Hotel Biltmore, 735 Taylor Street, San Francisco...Film Daily on September 11 writes, "SPYROS SKOURAS' judgment on what the public wants and what it will go to see and hear is once again to be applauded as witness the reception being accorded Dimitri Mitropoulos and the Philharmonic at the Roxy these days...Keep an alert eye ready for Fox's forthcoming musical series, too, also a SKOURAS scheme."

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\$ REPORT FROM THE TREASURER \$  
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Continuing a practice we inaugurated upon taking office last April, this direct-to-the-membership report is a condensed version of a detailed financial statement submitted to the Sept. 12 meeting of the Board of Governors:

"The OPC spent more than it took in during July and August.

"Here's why: (1) Loss of \$250 weekly revenue from OPC television shows which stopped in June, (2) Increased operation costs due to unprecedeted expansion and revitalization of club activities, and (3) Quarterly income tax and social security payments and heavy purchases of office supplies and equipment, including a mimeograph machine, typewriter and 20 chairs.

"However, for the fiscal year to date the club is still very much in the black. Our Aug. 31 bank balance was \$14,232.74, compared with \$11,258.57 on April 1, 1950, the start of our fiscal year. This also compares with bank balances of \$12,859.57 on August 31, 1949, and \$10,062.55 on Aug. 31, 1948.

"Receipts from April 1, 1950 to Sept. 1, 1950 totaled \$16,871.13. Expenditures were \$13,896.48, leaving an excess of \$2,974.65 in income over expenditures. The figures for corresponding months of the past two years were:

"For 1949: Receipts \$15,439.11, expenditures \$13,807.63, leaving a net gain of \$1,632.

"For 1948: Expenditures \$11,398.35, receipts \$10,610.63, leaving a deficit of \$787.70.

"Expenditures for July and August, 1950, totaled \$5,251.43. Receipts from dues, Bulletin advertising, luncheons, picnics and club parties were \$2,522.53, leaving a deficit of \$2,728.90.

"From the standpoint of mid-year dues collections, the club is enjoying its healthiest state in years. As of Sept. 11, 1950, a total of 638 members (549 Active, 66 Associate, 23 Guest) were paid up and in good financial standing. Delinquents, plus long-time inactive members who have received 'come on back home' letters from President Lochner, continue to rejoin at the rate of six or seven weekly.

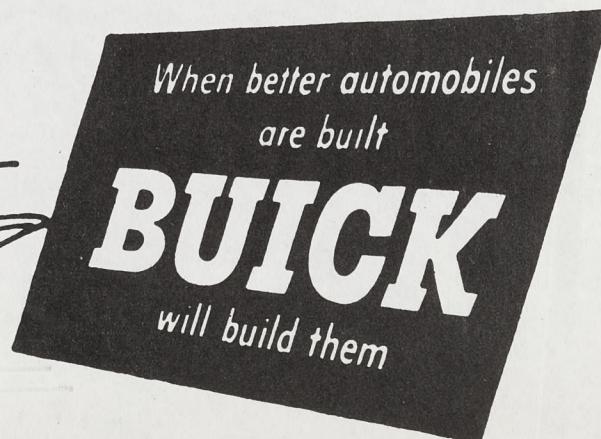
"In keeping with this administration's determination to establish the OPC on a sound, business-like basis, every effort has been made to economize wherever possible without impairing club activities. The office staff, Budget Chairman JOE WURZEL (of Look Magazine) and the treasurer have 'shopped around' for best competitive prices. Some savings have already been made. One economy move saves \$162 a year. One of WURZEL's proposals already in effect saves \$175 annually. Still another from WURZEL would save nearly \$1,000 a year. (Full details of the WURZEL committee's proposals to increase OPC income will appear in next week's Bulletin.)

"A bright spot for the current year, as compared with last year, is the matter of salaries for office staffers. At the current cost of employing three office staffers the club will have expended a total of \$9,634 for the entire year for such services. That compares with a total of \$9,760 remuneration for only two office workers for the year starting January 1, 1949, and ending December 31, 1949. The latter figure, however, includes \$1,035 severance pay to the 1949 secretary."

Active and associate members who so desire are welcome to inspect the treasurer's itemized report on file at OPC headquarters.

Leo Branham

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TEN PERCENT PREMIUM ON  
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS QUOTED  
BY LONDON LLOYDS

Lloyd's of London recently quoted a 10 percent premium for accidental death insurance on war correspondents covering the Korean fighting. This premium is double that quoted for the same kind of insurance for newsmen just before D-Day in 1944.

Lloyd's said 18 accident and death policies on war correspondents in Korea have been paid out since fighting started there on June 25.

A son, to be named Stephen John, was born at Norwalk Hospital September 10 to AMY VANDERBILT and husband, magazine photographer Hans Knopf. Congratulations!....H. V. KALTENBORN, NBC commentator, and Mrs. Kaltenborn returned September 12 from a month's tour of European hot spots. Marshal Tito granted KALTENBORN a one-hour interview...

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PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES DEPARTMENT: A piece by GERALDINE FITCH, "Formosa in Peril", which appeared in the August 12 New Leader has been reprinted in full by the New Hampshire Morning Union and Leonia Life...VICTOR LASKY is rushing a 10,000-word article entitled, "The Case Against Dean Acheson"...The September Coronet carries JOHN BARKHAM's article, "Africa's Master of the Diamond World"...Contributing to Look Magazine's new four-page feature, "Look Reports", launched in the September 26 issue, are OPCers STEPHEN WHITE, New York Herald Tribune Paris writer, and GEORGE AXELSSON, New York Times correspondent in Stockholm...

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WANTED: Office space by Club Member who is looking for cozy, individual writing quarters. Telephone PL 5-1077.

JOHN DALY is busier than the proverbial one-armed paper-hanger with a Monday night TV show on CBS, "We Take Your Word", and a Sunday night series, "The News and Its Meaning", for Goodrich. Last week he also covered the Republican State Convention at Saratoga Springs for ABC.

Necessary to Strengthen Our Foreign Policy?" on the Court of Current Issues television show on September 12 was economist-editor A. WILFRED MAY...

OFFICIAL OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB DAY at Fort Dix, N.J., celebrated on August 24, was covered pictorially with three two-column shots in the September 9 Editor & Publisher. Pix of the OPC visit to the large Army training center feature MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER, Philadelphia Bulletin columnist; GEORGE W. HERALD, Maclean Publications; SVEN-ERIK BERGH, Swedishnewspapers; President LOUIS P. LOCHNER; novelist-writer KATHRYN CRAVENS; JOSEPH C. PETERS, free-lance writer; SIDNEY HERTZBERG, New Delhi Hindustan Times; and, FRANK TAO of the Chinese News Service...  
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AL CAPP TELLS CLUB  
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More than 80 Members and guests chuckled, laughed and guffawed Wednesday at cartoonist Al Capp's hilarious account of his trip to Europe this summer. The creator of "L'il Abner" said he decided to go to Europe to save his two teen-age daughters from boredom after their boy friends deserted them for the summer. So off he went with both daughters and wife who, Capp said he soon discovered, "was an emotional teen-ager herself."

In Paris the Capps decided to see France "from the inside, so we naturally camped at the George V. There we met such foreign experts as Jack Carter and Milton Berle". Later, in a bistro, Capp said he and a Paris Trib friend ran into Dave Garroway. The television star pretended he knew neither of them and finally broke down, practically in tears. "I tried to get away from it all", he told Capp, "and speak French. But 15 people have hailed me with 'Hi, Dave' in the past ten minutes."

The luncheon book award, "Here's England", by Ruth McKenney and Richard Bransten, published by Harper Brothers, was won by Ralph Major, Jr.

Among those present at the luncheon were PAUL SHELDON, J. P. McEVOY and daughter, out-of-towners FRED BARTON and W. D. HINES of Akron, Ohio, MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER of The Philadelphia Bulletin, BILL HEATHERINGTON of The Newark Daily News, CAREY LONGMIRE of Westbrook, Conn., JOHN M. O'CONNELL, JR. and son from Bangor, Maine as well as CROSWELL BOWEN of The New Yorker.

RALPH H. MAJOR, Jr., Editor  
David McIntire, Associate Editor